

**INDOT 2016 Long Range Project Review and 2017-2030 Long Range Project  
Review Meeting Notes  
MACOG (South Bend/Elkhart) at Metropolitan Planning Offices in South  
Bend, May 9, 2006, 9:00AM – 11:00AM.**

**Attendees:**     *Sandi Seanor, MACOG Executive Director*  
                      *Corey Hall, MACOG Transportation Planner*  
                      *Don Abraham, LaPorte District Planning and Programming Director*  
                      *Jamile Smith, LaPorte District Systems Assessment Manager*  
                      *Ben Shaffer, Ft. Wayne District Planning and Programming Director*  
                      *David Armstrong, Ft. Wayne District Local Program Coordinator*  
                      *Steve Smith, INDOT Central Office Planning Manager*  
                      *Jeanette Wilson, INDOT Central Office Planning Liaison*

Steve Smith began the meeting with a quick review of the meeting's agenda. The four primary meeting components were:

- 1.)           Review INDOT Long Range Plan, concentrating on projects for District and MPO in the 2006 to 2016 timeframe.
  - A. Projects in the 2006 to 2015 Major Moves Program (The September 2005 draft listing)
  - B. Review of the Candidate 2016 IPOC projects and preliminary priority evaluation.
  - C. Identification of any projects in the 2006 to 2015 time frame that are not in the Major Moves Program or not a Candidate 2016 IPOC project.
- 2.)           Discussion of IPOC scoring process and opportunities to provide information to assist scoring and evaluations.
- 3.)           Review of Statewide Mobility Corridor System and propose Access Management Guidelines.

**Background – 2016 IPOC Candidate Projects:** - The Indiana Planning Oversight Committee (IPOC) was developed in 2005. IPOC is the guiding force for the development of the Ten-Year Highway Production Plan, subset consisting of the first ten-years of the INDOT Long-Range Plan. The first fully funded 10-year highway production plan is called the *Major Moves Plan*; it covers the period 2006 to 2015. As originally envisioned, the process is intended to move forward from year-to-year. As the 2006 fiscal year is completed, the 2016 fiscal year is added. The 2016 IPOC candidate projects are first identified, applications are then submitted and the projects are then scored according to the IPOC protocols. Their ultimate placement in the Ten-Year Production Plan depends upon the project's score and funding availability projected for the fiscal year. The IPOC candidate project process is annual process; next year, candidate projects for fiscal year 2017 will be evaluated and considered and then submitted to the IPOC Committee for inclusion into the ten-year production plan.

For fiscal year 2016, three added capacity project applications were submitted.

1. Added Travel Lanes on US 20 from Olive to Quince Road
2. New Interchange at US 31 and Adams Road (RP 256+0091) St Joseph Co.
3. Relocation of Interchange at US 31/US 20 Lincolnway West for South Bend Airport Expansion

### **2016 IPOC Candidate Projects:**

US 20 from Olive to Quince Road. Sections of this corridor may need to be removed from INDOT's Long Range Plan. LRP #571 – County Line Road to Ohio Street, LRP #572 Ohio Street to US 421, LRP #573 US 421 to US 35 and LRP #576 to I -94. There was discussion on whether the need exists now for this project.

COMMENT: Need to discuss with Central Office management on the potential removal of this project in the future.

US 31 and Adams Road (RP 256+0091) St Joseph Co This proposed new interchange will be done with Group III and IV funds. The EIS committed this project and it will be built as a grade separation. The locals will do the LPA project in exchange for Road 5A

US 31/US 20 Lincolnway West for Airport Expansion: There have been discussions with the South Bend airport regarding the possibility of moving this interchange to provide expansion for the airport. The airport stated they would fund this project

**Projects included in the draft Major Moves Program and Projects Listed in the INDOT Long-Range Plan 2017 – 2030:** A list was provided that included all of the INDOT Long-Range Plan projects, identifying whether or not they were included in the draft Major Moves Plan, whether they were 2016 candidate projects or projects listed from 2017 – 2030. In addition, a draft initial scoring for all of the projects in the out-years 2017 to 2030 was provided. As part of the INDOT Long-Range Plan update, the first ten years of the plan would be the Major Moves: Major New Highway Construction Plan. The balance of projects from 2017 to 2030 would undergo a scoring process similar to IPOC and then be placed into the plan update based on their scores and the anticipated budget level of funding.

**Review of Statewide Mobility Corridor System and Access Management Guidelines:** Steve Smith said that INDOT was in the process of reviewing and updating its Statewide Mobility Corridors. He invited the District to review the corridors and to make any suggestion for changes. The District was given copies of the maps to review at their convenience and e-mail any suggested changes to him at a late dates. Suggested changes would be taken under advisement as the corridors were updated.

**Access Control:** Steve Smith handed out a copy of proposed access management guidelines and asked that they be reviewed. Responses and suggestions could be turned in later.

**Additional Project Discussion:**

SR 331 from Jackson to US 20 This project is in Major Moves in 2010. However this project is not in the MPO's Long Range Plan.

COMMENTS: The District is getting ready to do a field check on this. Find out conclusion and act upon it.

SR 23 Granger LRP#261. This is a grade separation project with added travel lanes. The public is split on what they want to see constructed. This project may need to move out until further notice.

COMMENTS: Check with Brad Steckler regarding safety issues.

Sandi Seanor noted that the MPO is amending their Long Range Plan. Their schedule is to have public notice posted by May 30<sup>th</sup>. They will run conformity on this list.